

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## Journal of Council

March 17, 2016

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order.

The following members answered roll call: Koebel, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, and Knisely. Council member Otte was absent. The minutes for council meeting held on March 3rd were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$64,751,878.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2016 Fiscal Year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained to council why the budget needed to be increased due to improvement on drainage, technology upgrading and pavement of the top of the reservoir. The ordinance amendment amount should be \$65,126,878.00. On motion to amend by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3800)

Third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Revolving Loan Fund 265 and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3801)

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$13,529,224.00 for Fiscal Year 2016, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained the annual fund transfers for cash flow. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3802)

Second reading of an ordinance accepting the proposal of the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) for modification of the traffic signal at the intersection of State and Front Street. Mr. Fredericksen explained to council what the project was to install preemptive signals that control the railroad gates and timing of the signal for safety for the pedestrians and citizens. The project will install poles with signal arms to give a cleaner look to the intersection. The city's responsibility will be to help the Railroad Commission administer the project. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3803)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare, sign, and enter into a contract for submission to Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for Recreational Trails Program Funding 2016 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen asked for a suspension of rule #4 so that the city could apply for a grant that will asphalt the surface around the trail going around the reservoir with a deadline of April 1st. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1972)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Sandusky County Park District to file an application with the State of Ohio for participation in the Local Grant Innovation Fund (LGIF) Program as lead applicant and the City of Fremont as collaborative partner and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen asked the council suspend rule #4 referencing the presentation at the last council meeting. Mr. Koebel asked that Mr. Fredericksen look into repairs on the bike trail due to a citizen approaching him after breaking an ankle due to pot holes. On motion to suspend rule #4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1973)

Second reading of a resolution whereby Fremont City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to conduct an auction on May 7, 2016 and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1974)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency for the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that the grant application is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The grant was discussed at the last council meeting and is a \$100,000 grant. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 6 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1975)

### Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reported that Fremont Block Watch meeting was very good with the Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services and the speaker was Tim Wise. Next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that the superintendent of Vanguard Mr. Greg Edinger will be at the next meeting to say a few words.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Kathy Stout said that she has been speaking with Kristy Bilger and Economic Development Committees with the city of Findlay and the city of Wooster pertaining to Festivals permits to consume beer or wine outside the business. The area would be blocked off and no one would be able to leave the area while consuming the alcohol. She is still looking into the procedures.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch stated that there was a committee meeting held before the regular council meeting. A presentation from Theresa Smith, Development Manager for the Lucas County Port Authority pertaining to the Energy Special Improvement District.

Park and Recreation Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

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Department Heads

Mr. Myers thanked council for adopting the ordinances and resolutions that had deadlines.  
Chief Foes nothing this evening.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. Kristy reminded everyone of the Easter Bunny visit on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the Easter egg hunt. 2016 Farmer Market dates are set for June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>. All markets run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are rain or shine.

Mr. Fredericksen mentioned that there will be a public meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. concerning the grant application he discussed earlier.

Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez mentioned that it was nice to see the youth from the community in the audience from Mommas House. He gave them a tour of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. He stated that he had been receiving complaints from residence concerning their alleys. He stated that the city is trying to address the complaints as quickly as possible. He also addressed the water utility bill complaints and complaints about the Water Department not answering their phones. All complaints are being looked into and will be addressed.

Mr. Grahl stated that council was in receipt of February Monthly Financial Packet. The packet is also online on the Auditors page. Any questions please let him know. Now that the budget is passed, he has a presentation to walk through the financial report and will be reaching out to Mr. Otte to have a committee meeting in the near future. He also said that he attended the public hearing related to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study related to the dam project and only related to the settlement. It was very informational and was glad to find out that anything that is sent down the Sandusky River has 0% impact on the algae bloom in the Sandusky Bay.

It does not go out to the Lake Erie. He thought that it was very positive information and he hoped the parties involved in the lawsuit were satisfied.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel reminded the community about the Hayes Presidential Center will begin celebrating their centennial in May and to keep those events in mind. He reminded the citizens to be mindful of the spring activities coming up and the youth on bikes and such. He also announced that this Saturday the NAACP will be having their annual scholarship fundraiser to be held at the VFW on Birchard Ave. Anyone interested the cost per ticket is \$35 and the guest speaker will be Tashlai McKinstry a local Fremont Ross Graduate. She is currently the Principal at the Rise & Shine Academy in Toledo, Ohio. He also stated that on March 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday, there would be a Feed the homeless dinner at the Fairground sponsored by John Lewis. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. at the Flower Building.

Mrs. Stout said she knows the city has been working on the alley situations. She asked the city to have the workers slowdown in the alleys. She asked that the citizens be careful with the nice weather.

Mrs. Ruiz welcomed the student and the director from Mommas House who were in the audience to the council meeting tonight. She also complimented the council on passing the resolutions and ordinances at the meeting tonight. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Taylor said Happy St. Patrick Day today and congratulated all the candidates that participated in the recent election. He also welcomed everyone from Mommas house and also wanted everyone to be a respectable pet owned and pick up after your pets.

Mr. Knisely welcomed the students from Mommas house too. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick Day and a happy upcoming Easter. He encourages everyone to support the downtown and local businesses.

Mr. Zilch wished everyone a Happy St Patrick Day and a Happy Easter.

Public Comments

Chari Mullin 1106 Haynes St. Apt. 3 Fremont, Ohio. Chari is the founder of Mommas House Community Development Youth Center. It is a nonprofit organization that formed from a pilot program in 2013. She started working with a group of youth and she developed the program with the help of her colleagues from Tiffin University. The purpose at Mommas House is to help youth find purpose and be a positive impact in their community. Ms. Mullin considers the program as a success coaching program. The group meets four times a month. The center will have an open house on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The center is looking for local board members to join the program. You are invited to visit them at [www.mommas-house.org](http://www.mommas-house.org). Zariyah Baynard and Isaiah McDonald introduced themselves and asked for volunteers and donations to help their program.

Kenneth Penn 2424 Port Clinton Road Fremont, Ohio. He stated that he has chosen the wrong path in life and wanted to turn his life around. He has asked Mayor Sanchez to be his mentor and hopes that his life will improve.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.